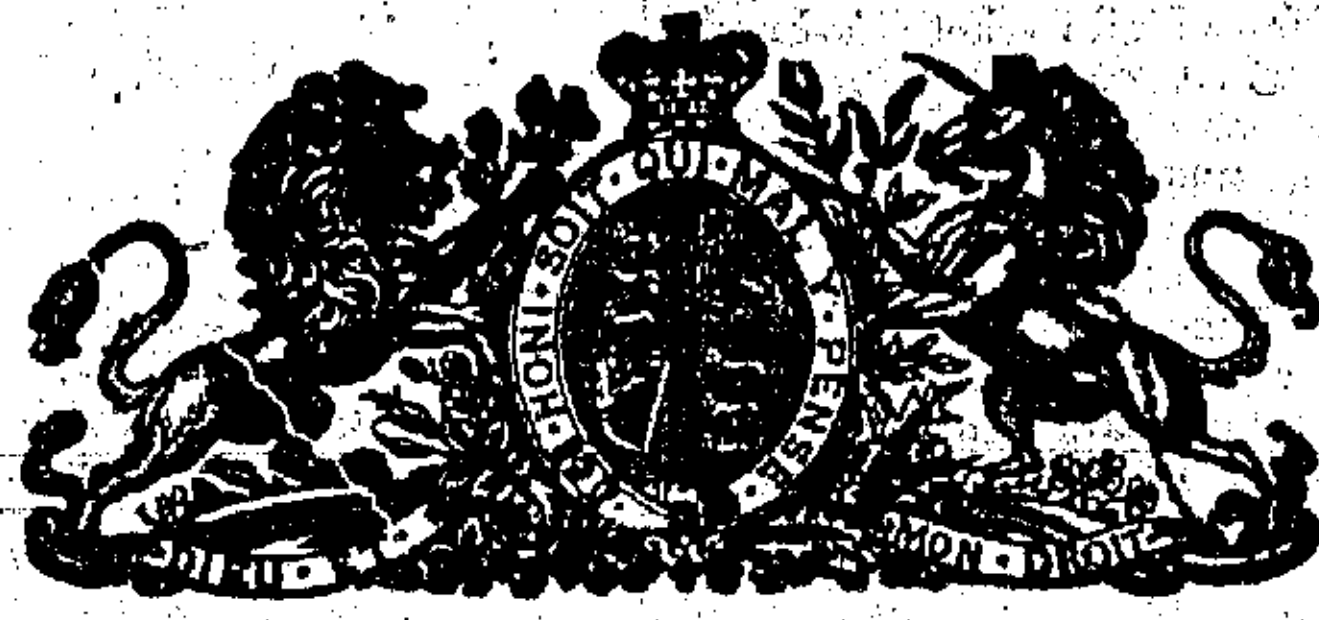


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## Banks.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**PAID-UP CAPITAL**,.....5,000,000 Dollars.  
**RESERVE FUND**,.....1,500,000 Dollars.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

**Chairman**—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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## LONDON BANKERS.

London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

## INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

**For Fixed Deposits**—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

**RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.**  
At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.  
" 6 " " 4½ " "  
" 12 " " 5½ " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

**CAPITAL**,.....£800,000.  
**RESERVE FUND**,.....£150,000.

## Banks.

**THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**  
**THE CITY BANK.**  
**THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.**

**THE BANK'S BRANCH** in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
**On Fixed Deposits.**  
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## Banks.

**COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.**  
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

**RECOGNISED** by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

**CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP**,.....£3,200,000.  
**RESERVE FUND**,.....£800,000.

**HEAD OFFICE**—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

**AGENCIES AND BRANCHES** at: LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSILLAS, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

**LONDON BANKERS:**  
**THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**  
**THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.**

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

## NOTICE.

**ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.**

**THE AGENCY** of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, May 29, 1879.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON

**SATURDAY,**  
the 31st May, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at Messrs MELCHERS & Co.'s

**Godowns,**

(For account of whom it may concern.)

51 Muntz Yellow Metal Rods.  
5 Lowmoor Plates.  
10 Best Staffordshire 8ft. x 4ft. ½ inch Iron Plates, thick.

6 Best Staffordshire 9ft. x 4ft. ½ inch Iron Plates, thick.

6 Best Staffordshire 10ft. x 4ft. ½ inch Iron Plates, thick.

212 Best Staffordshire Boiler Plates, assorted sizes.

6 Thornycroft Boiler Plates.

1 Copper Plate.

35 Iron Boiler Tubes, 24in. x 7feet.

52 " " 24in. x 7feet.

160 " " 24in. x 7feet.

41 " " 3 in. x 7feet.

35 " " 3½in. x 7feet.

7 " " 2 in. x 16feet.

101 " " 24in. x 16feet.

100 " " 24in. x 16feet.

48 " " 3½in. x 16feet.

49 " " 3½in. x 16feet.

3 Frames Brown Sheet Lead.

4 Frames Boiler Felt.

1 Oak Lead Piping.

2 Rolls Sheet Lead.

10 Coils Best Charcoal Wire Rope, assorted sizes.

150 Coaks Portland Cement, White Brothers.

**TERMS**—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 28, 1879. my81

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**TO BE SOLD** by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

**THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY.**  
Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VAPOR, STOVE, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**VALUABLE LAND & GODOWNS, &c.**

**THE** Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

**THURSDAY,**  
the 12th June, 1879, at 3.30 p.m., at their Office, MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road.

The following VERY VALUABLE LOT OF LAND, with COAL GODOWNS AND CHINESE DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, at Praya East, having a Water Frontage of 116 feet by 314 feet, containing about 36,000 square feet, divided into Lots as follows:—

**Lot No. 1.**—Portion of that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 428, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Cross Street.

**Lot No. 2.**—Portion of that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 428, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Cross Street.

**Lot No. 3.**—Portion of that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 428, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Albany Street.

**Lot No. 4.**—Portion of that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 428, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Nullah Lane.

**Lot No. 5.**—That PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 116, and Inland Lot No. 428, with Three Large Godowns capable of storing 2,700 tons each, and Two Small Godowns with Water Frontage and Servants' Quarters erected thereon.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—One-quarter of Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of Transfer, the expense of which to be paid by the Purchasers.

The Property to be at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars and Plans, apply to

**HUGHES & LEGGE,**  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 21, 1879. jn12

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on an early DATE, unless disposed of privately, of which due Notice will be given—

Portions of INLAND LOT No. 105, adapted for the erection of FIVE CHINESE HOUSES on COCHRANE STREET, corner of Gage Street, and FIVE HOUSES on Gage Street, corner of Gutzlaff Street.

Plans may be seen, and all particulars obtained at the OFFICES of

**SHARP & DANBY,**  
No. 6, Queen's Road,  
lately Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

## Intimations.

**HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.**

**APPROACHES TO HONGKONG—TYTAMI CHANNEL.**

**POSITION OF DANGERS.**  
Lat. 21° 57' 36" N. Long. 114° 07' 59" E. Left Extreme Tytami Island, N. 20° W. Right Extreme do. N. 58° E. Least Water on the Rock (reduced to low Water Springs) 13 feet.

**CLEARING MARKS.**  
No Vessel should stand to the Northward of a line joining the S.E. point of Yechau Island with the centre of Guyane Island (bearing respectively from each other N. 67° E. and S. 67° W.) until Echau Head opens clear of S.W. point of Tytami Island bearing N. & W.

This Rock is about 50 feet Long East and West, and 30 feet North and South. Between the Rock and the Island the Soundings vary from 8 to 10 fathoms.

(Signed) G. KING HARMAN, Lieut. and Navigating Officer, H.M.S. "Mosquito."

Approved. (Signed) GEO. A. G. GREY, Lieut. and Commander, H.M.S. "Mosquito."

Hongkong, 8th May, 1879. jn20

This Notice effects Admiralty Chart No. 2212, and Sailing Directions for the China Sea Vol. III, page 78.

## Intimations.

### WHIT MONDAY.

**IN ACCORDANCE** with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 2nd June.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," D. FITZ HENRY, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, May 29, 1879. jn2

## NOTICE.

**MR. EDWARD BURNIE** will Conduct my BUSINESS of MARINE SURVEYOR during my temporary absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Club Chambers, Hongkong, May 6th, 1879. jn6

## NOTICE.

**HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.**

**THE EXCHANGE ROOMS** in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, will be Open and Ready for the use of MEMBERS, on MONDAY, the 2nd June next.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

**E. GEORGE,** Secretary.

Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

## NOTICE.

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

**DURING** the Next THREE MONTHS the Company's Steamers FROM CHINA will proceed direct to LONDON, leaving Hongkong on the following Dates:—

3rd June.....S.S. *Lombardy*.....tons 2723

17th "....." *Zambesi*....." 2431

1st July....." *Tekran*....." 2589

15th "....." *Khedive*....." 3742

29th "....." *Malwa*....." 2933

12th Aug....." *Kaiser-i-Hind*....." 4023

26th "....." *Cathay*....." 2382

9th Sept....." *Bokhara*....." 2932

A. A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 22, 1879. jn22

## NOTICE.

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.**

**ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1878.**

**SHAREHOLDERS** in the above Office are Requested to furnish the Under signed with a LIST of THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending 31st December, 1878, in order that the Distribution of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th JUNE Next will be Adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,** General Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1879. jn30

## NOTICE.

**IN** accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our Office on and after the 15th instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,  
**RUSSELL & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

**DR. ROGERS** will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## SAILORS' HOME.

**ANY** Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Furnishings will be thankfully received at the SAILORS' HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

**FROM** the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

**MR. THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT** is authorised to SIGN our Firm per Procuration from this Date.

SAYLE & Co.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1879. jn6

## NOTICE.

**MR. CARL STIEBEL** is authorized from this Date to SIGN our Firm per Procuration here, at Shanghai and at Yokohama.

REISS & Co.  
Hongkong, May 29, 1879. jn29

## NOTICE.

**THE** INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

**MR. JAMES ANDERSON**, formerly Manager of the Foochow Dock, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

J. INGLIS & Co.,  
Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. jy8

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

**JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE**, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

## WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
**WASHERMAN'S BOOKS**, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

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been pretty well acquainted with the steamer. The whistle is fixed on the hurricane deck, and kept in position by means of nuts and screws, necessitating the use of a spanner to remove it. If a stranger is the thief, he must have gone on board with the necessary tools; more probably one of the crew, who would not be noticed or suspected if hanging about the place, is the culprit. The Chinese thief is a strange animal, he is so constantly giving us such startling surprises in the variety and singularity of his peccadilloes that we can only say with Bret Harte, that his ways are indeed peculiar. We should not be surprised some of these days to learn that the Town Clock had been stolen by a thief in the night.

We have watched with some amusement the new system which has lately been introduced into journalism here, by which a newspaper may be freely bespattered with mud that won't adhere, through the so-called irresponsible column of another paper. A letter recently appeared in our morning contemporary which was provocative of much laughter to those who knew the solidity of the wall against which the writer was damaging his poor head. We should be very glad to furnish the writer of this furious but misguided communication with an address which might satisfy him that the author of the Review he complains of is a "highly-intelligent and well-informed Chinese gentleman." But to judge from the strong and unmanly language employed by "Achates," and the comparatively mild style adopted by "Sinsien," we could not possibly guarantee that the Chinese gentleman will exchange cards with the irate scribbler. The admission into respectable columns of such ill-natured communications as that of "Achates" smacks of the Californian Coast.

THE special appointment of Sir Garnet Wolseley to the Supreme Military and Civil Command over Natal, the Transvaal and adjoining districts is one greatly calculated to satisfy all parties. There has been no position of this sort before; he goes out, under special circumstances, with special qualifications admirably fitting him to cope with the extreme emergency that has arisen; and there is no doubt that the Government have in selecting him borne in mind Sir Bartle Frere's recommendation that some one should be sent out qualified to take over the Supreme Government of Cape Colony on the time arriving when he has to retire. The present Lieut. Governor of Natal is Sir Henry E. Bulwer, K.C.M.G., and the Administrator of the Government of the Transvaal is Sir Theophilus Shepstone, K.C.M.G. (now at home on special business), each of whom draws £2,500 a-year.

We have received from the Government of New Zealand, statistics of the Colony for 1877, with abstracts from the agricultural statistics of 1878, compiled from official records in the Registrar-General's Department; also, the "financial statement" (the Hon. J. Ballance) made 6th August, 1878.

THE Celtic Monarch, a new iron screw steamer for the China and Japan trade, had been launched at home just before the departure of the mail. The following is from *Mitchell's Maritime Register*—On Monday last the Celtic Monarch, built by Messrs Wigham, Richardson, and Co., at Walker-on-Tyne, for the Royal Exchange Shipping Company to the order of Messrs Paton, of London, made a very successful full-loaded trip from the Tyne to sea. She attained a speed of 10½ knots per hour. She subsequently proceeded the same evening to London to load for China and Japan.

THE O. M. steamer Hwai Yuen, which arrived here to-day, met with an accident lately which, says the *N. O. D. News*, has proved more serious than was at first anticipated. It will be remembered that during a fog on the evening of the 4th inst. she struck on an outlying rock off Chusan, damaging her bottom. She returned to port, having left in the morning for Hongkong and Canton. When docked it was found that her stern was badly damaged, and that several plates were stove in and would have to be replaced by new ones. The repairs have been effected at a cost of about £1,500, which, we understand, will fall on a native insurance Company.

Mrs. Horie, ex-Secretary of the United States Navy, and Dr. Kisting, who have been travelling with General Grant, have gone home to the United States. They left Shanghai on the 21st by the M. B. Company's steamer *Napoya Maru*. The General, Mrs. Grant, Colonel Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe, and Mr. Bailey, accompanied them on board.

If you want to make an educated Chinaman understand General Grant's position in the United States, says "Argue," in his "Advertiser," tell him that the personage in question is the American Chu-ko Liang, the consequence of this communication will probably be a prolonged "Ah-yah!"

#### DEATH FROM OPIUM POISONING.

An inquest was held this afternoon, at the Government Civil Hospital, on the body of Ng Apan, a youth aged 19 years, who died from opium poisoning. The following gentlemen comprised the jury: Messrs R. Schönbauer, H. B. Polishwalla, and J. P. Madar. Dr. Wharry stated that the body of deceased was brought to the Hospital about 7 p.m. yesterday. He examined it this morning; it had been dead about 36 hours, it was that of a Chinese male about 26 years of age, well nourished. There were no marks of violence on the body; death appeared to have resulted from opium poisoning; there were traces of opium in the contents of the stomach.

Wong Ahai, declared, stated: I am a carpenter employed at the Sing Wo carpenter's shop. Deceased was an apprentice there, I have known him nearly three years. His name was Ng Apan, and he was aged about 19 years. Yesterday morning, about four o'clock, I heard some one making a choking noise; I was in the shop together with all the other men, except the deceased, who was in the loft. The master also slept on the loft, but his part was partitioned off from that occupied by deceased. I got a light, and went up to the loft, where I saw the deceased lying on his bed. He appeared quite insensible; he could not speak to me. There was a rattling noise in his throat. I then called the master and the other shopmen; they all got up, and we found the small opium box produced, near his bed, on the floor. I said that I believed he had taken opium, and advised that he be given something to make him vomit. He could not be made to vomit, and as I was therefore in doubt whether he had taken opium or not, we gave him "lamp water" to make him vomit, but it had no effect. I then sent for his father, and when he arrived, he advised that he should be given some alum and water, which was done. Soon after this he died. His death occurred about 8 o'clock. We were going to bury the deceased when a clansman came, and said that we could not do so, as deceased had taken opium. I said that I did not know whether he had done so or not, as he did not vomit. We then all went to the No. 7 Police Station with deceased. Before that day he did not appear in low spirits; he was on good terms with everyone in the shop, and I do not know that he had any quarrel with anyone outside. He did not take his evening meal the night previous, but did his work as usual. He complained of being tired. He was not given to gambling, and was in fact a very good boy. He owed no money that I know of. I know of no reason why he should have taken opium.

By Mr. Schönbauer: Deceased was not in love with anyone to my knowledge. Continued: He said to me that he did not wish to be a carpenter any more; he was too tired. He gave no special reason. Mui A-chue, declared, stated that deceased was his apprentice; he only had a few months more to serve to complete his three years' apprenticeship. On the morning of the 29th he (witness) was awakened by last witness. The deceased's father did not appear much distressed; he ought to have cried, but witness did not see him cry. They consulted together about reporting his death; the father said if it was reported that death was caused by opium the doctor would open the body, so witness reported that he died from sickness. Witness knew of no reason for deceased taking opium; he was a good boy, and on good terms with everyone.

Ng Yue-wing, the father who did not cry, an old man, said that when he saw deceased yesterday morning he was insensible. He had seen him ten days previously. He never complained about anything. He owed no money, and was not a gambler. Witness denied telling last witness to say that deceased died from natural causes. He never heard that deceased was flogged.

Lokong No. 303, deposed to stopping the burial, owing to one of deceased's clansmen saying that deceased had taken opium. The body and witnesses were taken to the Police Station, whence the body was taken to the Hospital.

Ng Aying, a tailor, said he was a cousin of the deceased, and yesterday he heard that he had taken opium. Witness had not seen him alive, this year. He heard he was dead yesterday so went to see. He found that the body was removed to Mount Davis for burial, and went after it. He told the people they could not bury the body, as deceased had taken opium. Chinese Sergeant Sam Akow, No. 123, said he received instructions from Inspector Thomson to make enquiries about the case. The neighbours all said they knew no cause for deceased's committing suicide. The people in the shop next door said he was always well treated by his employer and the people in the shop.

The Jury found that deceased died from opium poisoning; but that there was no evidence to show how it came to be administered.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." (Hongkong, 30th May, 1879.) Sir,—There are many points about the Governor's astounding speech at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, which will prove fruitful of subjects for enquiry and future comment, but the account of the interview accorded to Mr. Lowcock, however accurate it may ultimately prove to be, is most unsatisfactory.

His Excellency's minute does not bear upon the face of it that it was approved by Mr. Lowcock, or even submitted to him, and Mr. Marsh's "little semi-official note" most strongly suggests the inference that our worthy Colonial Secretary has been made the unconscious instrument of entrapping Mr. Lowcock into apparent concurrence in a document, of the existence of which he was absolutely ignorant.

Until Mr. Lowcock can be communicated with, the minute should certainly be received *cum grano salis*.

#### INDEX.

##### Police Intelligence.

(Before Mr. C. V. Craigh. Eng.) Thursday, May 29.

Hung A Sang, described as a rice-pounder, was charged with being a suspicious character, being found armed with a dagger in the night time. Indian Constable No. 588 stated that at midnight he noticed defendant loitering about from house to house near the Mo Tan Chung, where there was a theatrical performance going on. He the constable, thought his manner suspicious, so arrested him and found a knife

concealed under his jacket. Defendant said that he was a rice-pounder but had lately been employed as a coolie at one of the new batteries in course of erection. He was on his way home, but stopped to look at the theatrical performance, and accounted for the possession of the knife by saying that a friend gave it to him to carry home. The case was remanded till to-morrow, in order that enquiries be made.

#### STRANGE BEHAVIOUR.

Li Ashan, a shoemaker, was charged with indecent behaviour, and being out without a light or pass.

Indian Constable No. 573 stated that about 11.45 p.m.; yesterday, he saw the defendant walking along the Queen's Road quite naked; he had not even a night pass. The clothes he had on were given to him at the Police Court.

The defendant said he was employed in the Hop Hing Shoe-shop, Queen's Road Central. Mr. Craigh remanded the case till to-morrow, as the man appeared to be of unsound mind.

#### ROGUES.

Lam A I and Ip Ah-chung, described as farmers, were charged with being rogues and vagabonds, and gambling in the public roads, thus causing an obstruction.

His Worship discharged the second defendant, who said he was a gardener at Kowloon; the first defendant he sent to ten days' hard labour, as a rogue and vagabond.

#### ASSAULT ON BOARD SHIP AT AMOY.

Peter Nelson, second mate of the British barque *Parma*, was charged, on remand, with assaulting one of the Chinese seamen and fracturing his skull. The case was committed for trial.

#### (Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

ANOTHER GAMBLING HELL BROKEN UP. Chung A Ching and nineteen others were charged with being found in a public gambling house at No. 17 Po Yee Street. Inspector Grey proved evidence against the defendants. The first two were fined \$20 each; in default one month's hard labour, for keeping a common gambling house; the others, who offered various excuses for their presence in the house—were each fined \$2, with the alternative of one week's hard labour.

#### FURIOUS REVENGE.

Chan Apan, a coolie, was charged with assaulting one Mahomed Ali, a hawk of cloth, and damaging property to the extent of \$2.

It appears that defendant was formerly employed by Mahomed to carry round his wares, and a piece of cloth was missed. Mahomed charged him with stealing it, the magistrate dismissed the case for want of evidence. The angry Apan went straight to his employer's house, and after going to the till in the shop and taking \$15, which it appeared belonged to him, demanded his wages. "No," said Mahomed, "you stole my merino; not one rupee shall you get from me." Apan was out to get rid of him in this way; he therefore innocently innocent or not, wages he would have; wages or blood. Standing erect, with his head thrown back, his queue dangling gracefully from his shoulders, the injured Apan said—"Mahomed, you tried to put me in gaol; you failed; the mandarin would not believe you; he could see that I was an honest man. Now for revenge. I will fight with you." Saying these the by-the-time-thoroughly-souraged Apan set up a fearful howling, and made a furious onslaught on the furniture. Mahomed removed him gently. Apan rushed back into the shop, smashed a glass or two, cut Mahomed's hands, knocked him down, pulled out a few handfuls of his beard, and was then led quietly to the station by Mahomed.

Apan said that Mahomed owed him \$10, and he would not "stump up." His Worship fined him \$2, in default six days' imprisonment, ordered him to pay \$150 amends to Mahomed, or go to gaol for four days, and to enter into his personal recognizance in \$25 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

#### (Both Magistrate's Sittings.)

Friday, May 30.

#### THE MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON SERGEANT PERRY.

Chan Apling, described as a farmer, was again brought up, on remand, charged with assaulting one pair of silver earrings from the person of one Ho Ayeung, and cutting and wounding Sergeant Perry whilst in the execution of his duty.

Dr. Wharry, sworn, stated: Sergeant Perry was admitted to hospital on the 12th instant in the evening. He was suffering from a punctured wound in the right lung. He is still in hospital, and under treatment for that wound, but I believe him to be now out of danger. The injury caused by the wound, however, will be permanent. The wound might have been caused by the knife in Court.

Chinese Constable No. 449, recalled, stated that he had never lost sight of prisoner till he was arrested. It was dark but he distinctly saw his face, by the light from the shops.

The case was then further remanded till Tuesday next the 3rd June.

#### STRANGE BEHAVIOUR.

Li Ashan, a shoemaker, who was charged yesterday before Mr. Craigh with having been found in the Queen's Road quite naked the night previous, was brought up again to-day. Dr. Ayres had examined and reported that there was nothing the matter with him. The man said he was not in his right mind at the time but was so now. His Worship discharged him with a caution.

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor the Chief Justice, Sir JOHN SMALLES.)

#### THE BUYING AND SELLING OF WOMEN FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES.

In the case of Chan A I, who was sentenced to two years' hard labour on Thursday, on four counts, for forcible detention of women &c.

Mr. Haylar, instructed by Mr. Dennis, appeared for the defence, and addressed the Court at considerable length. Our report of his speech had unfortunately to be held over yesterday, in consequence of the pressure on our space by the proceedings of the Legislative Council; we now make room for it.

The Learned Counsel said the Attorney General had fired two tremendous barrels

into this old lady under two Ordinances, and he had thought it his duty to plead guilty only under one of them. Ord. 2 of 1875, under which he pleaded guilty to 4 counts was so exceedingly broad and sweeping in its terms that it would be almost impossible for any one who had anything to do with the emigration of women from this Colony to escape a conviction. His Lordship, when the case was previously before the Court, had been kind enough to point out what was in the mind of the Court, namely, that the offences to which this woman pleaded guilty were so exceedingly common that it was necessary to put them down with a strong hand. He would at once concede the point that these offences were common ones here, so exceedingly common indeed that it was almost impossible to know how in the world they were to be dealt with. In the first place he would point out that there was in point of fact no emigration of women at all, either in this Colony or elsewhere, which was not preceded by a transaction similar to that charged in one or other of the four counts to which he had pleaded guilty. He had no hesitation in saying that, without exception in every case of emigration of women from this Colony that ever took place, from the peculiarity of the Chinese social system, was preceded by transactions exactly of the nature of those to which his client pleaded guilty. In point of fact, emigration was absolutely impossible without them, because married women were always left by their husbands in their own country, and are not taken away. The women who do go are invariably those who are destined for brothels, or what it generally leads to, concubinage; of that there was not the slightest doubt whatever. He spoke from extensive knowledge of the subject acquired by his connection with a recent important enquiry on the subject, in which a vast mass of evidence had been taken.

In reply to His Lordship who asked whether the evidence was in print—Mr. Haylar stated that it had been published; and, His Lordship saying he had never seen it, he sent for his private copy of the blue book, which he was most happy to hand over to His Lordship. The Chief Justice thanked Mr. Haylar, and again remarked that he had received no copy of the Report. He took this occasion to say that in his opinion the Library of the Supreme Court ought to contain copies of all such reports or publications in the Colony; they really formed historical records and in future times would be of great value, as showing on what grounds we had proceeded in our legislation on a subject of this kind. Mr. Haylar agreed that this was a particularly historical record. (It transpired, in the Legislative Council, we may state, that the Acting Chief Justice had received, just before his Lordship returned again to the Colony, the Chief Justice's copy.)

Mr. Haylar, proceeding with his address, remarked that amongst the vast amount of information contained in this formidable volume, this fact was prominent,—that the fate of those women who went to California having regard to their manner of bringing up, was beyond doubt far better than were they left in this colony; because their fate if they remained here was most certainly brothels in this colony, than which nothing could be more awful or horrid. Take the case of the first woman Yung Ayeung, 18 years of age, who narrated to them the whole story of her life. She had passed from hand to hand in Canton, and was sold before she came there. She was trained for this life and was fit only for it. Her parents had sold her for this special training, with a view to her entering a brothel. There was no doubt whatever that her fate in the first instance, which seemed so shocking to us that we wish to put it down with a strong hand, contained nothing that in the slightest shocked their feelings. She had nothing else but this to look forward to. Her highest hope was that in course of time, and she probably would if she went into a Chinese brothel, and did not fall back into the greater infamy of the life in these dens for Europeans which we called "licensed brothels," and which were probably the worst the world ever saw—she might get a Chinese husband; that is she would come to be the second wife of a Chinaman. She could not hope ever to be the first wife. Of 27,000 women in Hongkong, all of them, except a very few who happen to be first wives, and there were very few of them indeed, had gone through the same process as this woman. Every one had done it save the very few first wives who are to be found amongst the Chinese Community here. The first wives, of course, as his Lordship was aware, formed the subject of contracts, and were looked upon less as the companion of the husband than as the mother of his children. Such was Chinese life, at least such were the conditions in this colony, (they might be different elsewhere) that a man generally chose his companion-wife as a rule from the very class of women who are to be found in Chinese brothels; their intelligence and accomplishments or attractions were weighed when he selected his companion from among his wives, and his first wife was principally looked on as the mother of his children. The status of these women in such a house was according to their attraction; and so on. There was no doubt that prostitution purely Chinese was prostitution in an exceedingly modified form. It was a subject of which we knew very little. As to the fate of women going into those dens which we call "licensed brothels for foreigners" it was truly awful. He was not speaking without good cause when he said that if the intention of the Government of this colony, who had had this thing in hand for twenty years, had been to stamp out this trade in women, it certainly ought to have begun at the root of the evil, and blotted out every one of those horrible dens of iniquity. Instead of stamping out we licensed them. The guilt or infamy attaching to this woman now before the Court was as nothing, not one thousandth part, and he spoke from information so great as the guilt and infamy which attaches to the women who hold our license. Of the two or three hundred women in our foreign brothels, there was not one who was not a slave, had been bought and sold, and was subject to be bought and sold, in defiance of our laws, forming a most odious traffic under our eyes and upholding an institution paying no money. These facts were very sad; but he had mentioned them so that he might press his firm opinion that if this thing was to be stamped out, we must begin at the fountain head. That the sale of women on the mainland was fostered and to a enormous extent brought about by this colony and its peculiar circumstances and its position as a centre of immigration and emigration he could say without fear of contradiction. In the social life of the Chinese, a woman in her own country is a virtue which cannot be sold

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#### NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

##### MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Tokoro*, Captain Johnson, with the London mail of the 25th April, arrived this afternoon.

##### TELEGRAMS.

(*Strait Times*.)

Bombay, May 19.—Several very serious fires had occurred at Poonah which are evidently the set of incendiaries—whose motive cannot be discovered owing to the

prevalence of Dacoity in the Presidency. This matter is occupying the serious attention of Government.

[Dacoity is an organised system of gang robbery.—Ed. S. T.]

London, May 22.—Volunteering has been opened at the garrisons of Chatham and Portsmouth for service at the Cape.

The *Zeus*, 3 guns, is preparing for sea.

London, May 22.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question, said that the British Government is still urging the Turkish Government to accept the Greek frontier recommended by the Congress.

#### (Indian Papers.)

London, May 2.—In compliance with Lord Chelmsford's request, further reinforcements are being sent to the Cape.

Lahore, May 10.—The *Gazette* reports the peace terms between England and Afghanistan, viz. British occupation from Kooram, Shuterghur Pass, Khyber and Lormi to Kandahar and Pishawar, and the establishment of a permanent British agency. Yakub-Khan returns shortly with a British escort.

London, May 12.—Oriental Bank Corporation shares £19. Chartered Bank " £10. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank " £32.

London, May 13.—In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Jenkins gave notice of a resolution urging that royal prerogatives be more strictly limited and defined. Mr. Dillwyn, being unwilling to ensure the Crown, gave notice of the withdrawal of his own motion, and said he would accept the resolution of Mr. Jenkins.

London, May 13.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Dillwyn's amended proposal was opposed by Mr. Gladstone and the Marquis of Hartington. Sir Stafford Northcote spoke in defence of the Queen, whose conduct, he maintained, was perfectly constitutional. The House agreed to an adjournment of the debate for a week.

Mr. W. T. Taylor Thompson, C.B., the British Minister at Teheran, has retired. Consols closed at 98½.

Sinai, May 13.—Frequent interviews are taking place between the political officers and the Amer and his Ministers, and negotiations are proceeding much as might be expected under the circumstances.

It is of course impossible that important issues and details of permanent arrangements can be settled without prolonged discussion and consultation.

Mandalay thro' *Thympy*, May 6.—Things continue apparently as they were. The position now is that the Burmese know we do not intend taking action upon the past deeds of the King, and that we shall not move unless direct provocation be given. The Burmese are too wise to give this provocation. The King never appears in public, spending all his time in consulting with his immediate favourites, who form the war party. In consequence of the King's indifference to public affairs, power is gradually returning into the hands of the King's former ministry, who constitute the moderate or peace party. Thus the chances of hostilities are daily decreasing, and war cannot happen unless the King in some ebullition of temper sweeps away the moderate party, and rashly makes an open breach in the relations between the two Governments. This is not likely to happen. Besides, the increased disaffection of the Shan States adjacent to Mandalay is giving the Mandalay Government other work to do instead of provoking war with the British. A force of country levies has been sent against the Chief of Maitimes, who means to make resistance together with other Shan Chiefs. A few days ago the Burmese troops to the number of 6,000 were reviewed by the Prime Minister. It was a sorry display. The whole appearance of Mandalay is abnormally quiet. I have ridden unmolested through the streets repeatedly. I even got inside the Palace and saw the White Elephant without opposition. Nevertheless the steamers of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company continue to lie off the wharf, constantly with barked flags ready for any emergency. Mr. Shaw himself anticipates no disturbance, and business transactions are passing as usual between the Palace and the Residency, though in consequence of the



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IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue House, situated on Praya East:—  
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 3 and 4, Praya East, with immediate possession.

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FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65; and BASEMENTS of Nos. 2 and 3, with immediate possession.

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Hongkong, March 4, 1879. jnl

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OFFICES in Queen's Road, now under the occupation of Messrs WILSON & BIRD, and Messrs DAVIS & Co.

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Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

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**DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.**  
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

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**PORTION** of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to  
**LANDSTEIN & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## Mails.

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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *BELGIO* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, May 31st, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th May. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.  
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, May 28, 1879. my31

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On THROUGH PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of 2nd June. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 30, 1879. jn3

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSAILLES; ALSO, BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON TUESDAY, the 10th of June, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *TIGRE*, Commandant CHAMPELON, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 9th of June, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPELON,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 23, 1879. jn10

## Insurances.

SWISS LLOYD

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have this Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879. jnl

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## Insurances.

THE SCOTCH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1878. jnl

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up. £ 100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000

Annual Income. £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Amoy, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1869.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., in the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
Section 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
Section 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
Section 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
Section 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
Section 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
Section 8. From Pier to East Point.

| Steamers                     |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|----|-------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Adria                        | 2h | Stewart     | Brit. | str. | 780   | May   | 27    | P. & O. S. N. Co.            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaska                       | 5c | Seabury     | Amer. | str. | 3452  | May   | 10    | P. M. S. S. Co.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amoy                         | 4c | Drewes      | Brit. | str. | 814   | May   | 23    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta                      | 3h | Petersen    | Ger.  | str. | 783   | May   | 28    | Meyer & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Belgio                       | 5k | Meyer       | Brit. | str. | 1716  | May   | 17    | O. & S. S. Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bombay                       | 1h |             | Brit. | str. | 749   | Feb.  | 12    | Kwok Achcong                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brisbane                     |    | Reddell     | Brit. | str. | 1700  | May   | 19    | Jibb, Livingston & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charlton                     | 2h | Johnson     | Brit. | str. | 786   | May   | 28    | Melchers & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| China                        | 5c | Alderton    | Brit. | str. | 1036  | May   | 18    | P. & O. S. N. Co.            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Churruca                     | 5c | Marco       | Span. | str. | 398   | May   | 30    | Remedios & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City of Peking               | 5k | Barry       | Amer. | str. | 5079  | May   | 23    | P. M. S. S. Co.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City of Santiago             | 7c | Peters      | Brit. | str. | 1291  | May   | 27    | Adamson, Bell & Co.          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crusader                     | 4c | Rowlin      | Brit. | str. | 647   | May   | 23    | J. Pittman                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Danube                       | 8h | Clachy      | Brit. | str. | 660   | May   | 29    | Yuen Fat Hong                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diamante                     | 5h | Thehaud     | Brit. | str. | 614   | May   | 29    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emeralda                     |    | Cullen      | Brit. | str. | 395   | May   | 20    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fame                         | 6h | Stopani     | Brit. | str. | 117   | May   | 29    | H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flintshire                   | 3c | Thomas      | Brit. | str. | 1236  | May   | 29    | Gibb, Livingston & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Esperia                      | 5c | Johannsen   | Ger.  | str. | 1136  | May   | 27    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Killarney                    | 4c | O'Neill     | Brit. | str. | 1060  | May   | 16    | Gibb, Livingston & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kiungchow                    | 1h | Goggin      | Brit. | str. | 865   | May   | 27    | Kwok Achcong                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leyte                        |    | Zubiaurre   | Span. | str. | 812   | April | 8     | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maharajah                    | 2h | Clark       | Brit. | str. | 884   | May   | 28    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Olympia                      | 3c | Nagel       | Ger.  | str. | 783   | May   | 29    | Landsteln & Co.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paladin                      | 3c | Parker      | Brit. | str. | 697   | May   | 22    | Arnhold, Karberg & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Passig                       | 4c | Fremoga     | Span. | str. | 216   | May   | 30    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rajasthanhar                 | 2c | Hopkins     | Brit. | str. | 935   | May   | 18    | Yuen Fat Hong                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sea Gull                     | 5h | Haydon      | Amer. | str. | 48    | Mar.  | 24    | China Traders' Insurance Co. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zephyr                       | 1h | Heuer       | Brit. | str. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sailing Vessels              |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abbie N. Franklin            | 4k | Howes       | Amer. | bge. | 480   | Mar.  | 6     | Captain                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advance                      | 2c | Spencer     | Slam. | bge. | 336   | May   | 17    | Chinese                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aleppo                       | 1c | Falconer    | Brit. | bge. | 665   | April | 27    | Borneo Co., Limited          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alexa                        | 3c | Robb        | Brit. | bge. | 424   | April | 27    | Jardine, Matheson & Co.      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alice C. Dickerman           | 3c | Bugant      | Amer. | bge. | 501   | May   | 15    | Order                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aurora                       | 3c | Mine        | Brit. | bge. | 294   | May   | 20    | Chinese                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black Prince                 | 7c | Bewer       | Brit. | sh.  | 751   | May   | 4     | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carriack                     | 7h | Jones       | Brit. | bge. | 876   | May   | 21    | Meyer & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chamron Kamry                | 2c | Stobbe      | Slam. | bge. | 609   | May   | 15    | Kin Tye Loong                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Channel Queen                | 2c | Lachour     | Brit. | bge. | 804   | May   | 24    | Kidward Schellhaas & Co.     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ching-too                    | 3c | Barker      | Brit. | bge. | 304   | May   | 24    | Borneo Co., Limited          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clara                        | 7c | Outter      | Brit. | sh.  | 667   | May   | 30    | Vogel & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kidith                       | 4c | Manson      | Amer. | sh.  | 1173  | April | 30    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edward May                   | 4c | Johnson     | Ger.  | bge. | 625   | April | 18    | Waler & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elizabeth                    | 4c | Johnson     | Ger.  | bge. | 447   | May   | 17    | Waler & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kzeclior                     | 8c | Eddy        | Amer. | bge. | 695   | May   | 17    | Captain                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Faugh Salaugh                | 4k | Ritte       | Amer. | bge. | 240   | May   | 30    | Carlowitz & Co.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fulda                        | 1k | Basson      | Ger.  | bge. | 384   | May   | 3     | Melchers & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gauntlett                    | 7c | Lucas       | Brit. | bge. | 666   | May   | 17    | Gibb, Livingston & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gertrude                     | 4c | Walt        | Brit. | bge. | 483   | April | 18    | Carlowitz & Co.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Golden Fleese                | 4c | Prance      | Brit. | bge. | 808   | Mar.  | 10    | Vogel & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hattie E. Tapley             | 8c | Tapley      | Amer. | sh.  | 946   | April | 25    | Vogel & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hawthorn                     | 2c | Mead        | Brit. | bge. | 226   | May   | 23    | Waler & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haze                         | 4c | Kwans       | Amer. | sh.  | 562   | April | 13    | Vogel & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Highlander                   | 4k | Hutabnison  | Amer. | sh.  | 1352  | June  | 10    | Vogel & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Irene                        | 3c | Vates       | Amer. | sch. | 481   | May   | 16    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| John R. Stanhope             | 2c | Pillsbury   | Amer. | bge. | 407   | May   | 5     | Arnhold, Karberg & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Julia A. Brown               | 8c | Nickerson   | Amer. | sch. | 542   | May   | 23    | Douglas Laprak & Co.         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Juliane                      | 3c | estmann     | Ger.  | sch. | 187   | May   | 15    | Captain                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kiung Thep                   | 2c | Dihrtson    | Slam. | bge. | 468   | May   | 20    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Martha Davis                 | 1k | Benson      | Amer. | bge. | 646   | May   | 28    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern Star                | 3k | Wortly      | Brit. | bge. | 327   | May   | 30    | Wieler & Co.                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Patris                       | 5k | Schultz     | Ger.  | bge. | 395   | May   | 1     | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Perla del Oceano             | 4c | Aldecoa     | Span. | sch. | 219   | May   | 20    | Chinese                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pheton                       | 8c | cheel       | Brit. | bge. | 678   | April | 10    | Wieler & Co.                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Philippine                   | 4k | Southwood   | Brit. | bge. | 300   | May   | 17    | Wieler & Co.                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prima Donna                  | 4c | Lunt        | Amer. | sh.  | 1450  | April | 16    | Vogel & Co.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sumatra                      | 3k | Clough      | Amer. | sh.  | 1090  | Sept. | 5     | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Venusius                     | 4c | Cull        | Amer. | bge. | 813   | April | 28    | Russell & Co.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Young Slam                   | 2c | Benedictsen | Slam. | sh.  | 701   | May   | 9     | Kin Tye Loong                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zouave                       | 5k | Means       | Amer. | sh.  | 1202  | April | 26    | Captain                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WHEAMPOA                     |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anna Bertha                  |    | Kranse      | Ger.  | bge. | 468   | May   | 15    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anne                         |    | Lassen      | Dan.  | sch. | 171   | May   | 30    | Chinese                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Florence Nightingale         |    | McIntyre    | Brit. | bge. | 464   | May   | 14    | Arnhold, Karberg & Co.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Malvina                      |    | Kluge       | Ger.  | bge. | 479   | May   | 7     | Captain                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CANTON                       |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cassandra                    |    | Langer      | Ger.  | str. | 937   | May   | 21    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hwai Yuen                    |    | Wilson      | Ohl.  | str. | 984   | May   | 28    | O. M. S. S. N. Co.           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ningpo                       |    | Cass        | Brit. | str. | 761   | May   | 25    | Siemssen & Co.               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| YHAMA & S. FELSOO 3rd prox.  |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bangkok                      |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hoihow & Haiphong 1st prox.  |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| YHAMA & SAN FELSOO To-morrow |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Ports Co's Van Do |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yokohama Mails               |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| YHAMA & S. FELSOO Mails      |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bangkok                      |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amoy                         |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manila                       |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To-day                       |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ab'deen Do                   |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tug Flying                   |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foonchow                     |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K'loon Do                    |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salgon                       |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To-morrow                    |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bangkok                      |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To-morrow                    |    |             |       |      |       |       |       |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |